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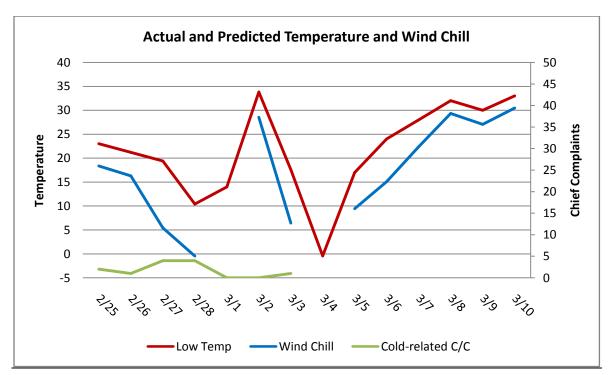
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

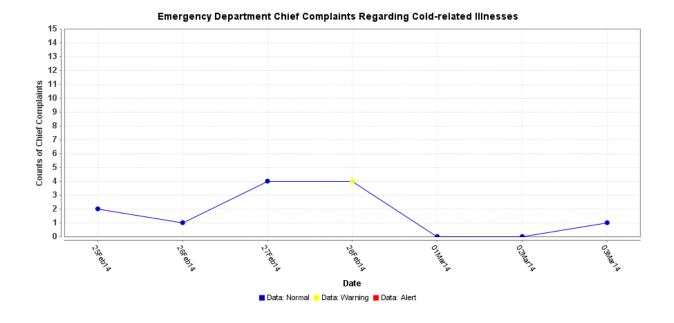
March 05, 2014 Reporting for 02/25/14 through 03/03/14

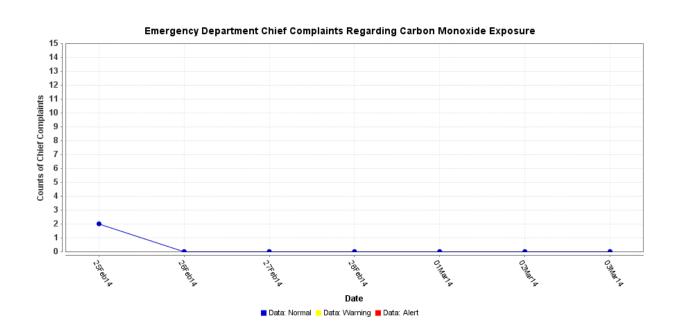
This is the final weekly cold report for the 2013-2014 season. A summary report for the entire season will be available in two weeks.

National Weather Service Forecast: No extreme cold forecast.



Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph



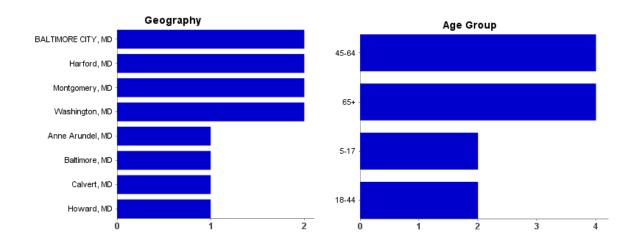


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
February 25	2	2
February 26	1	0
February 27	4	0
February 28	4	0
March 01	0	0
March 02	0	0
March 03	1	0

^{*}Note: ESSENCE chief complaint query for cold-related illness contains the following terms: hypothermia, frostbite, frostnip, chilblain, and trench foot

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for February 25, 2014 through March 03, 2014



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Worcester County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	65+ Years Old	Female
	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Female
	Baltimore County	65+ Years Old	Female
	Allegany County	65+ Years Old	Male
15	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	Unknown	Male
	Talbot	65+ Years Old	Male
	Prince George's County	65+ Years Old	Male
	Wicomico County	65+ Years Old	Male
	Frederick County	65+ Years Old	Male
	Caroline County**	65+ Years Old	Male
	Montgomery County**	65+ Years Old	Male

^{*}Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There were three cold-related deaths reported this week. One death was from earlier in the cold report season and the other two were from this week's reporting period.

There have been a total of fifteen cold-related deaths during the reporting period this winter.

For media inquiries, please contact the Office of Communications: <u>410-767-6490</u>

Wind Chill Advisory/Warning Criteria: The National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Advisory for projected wind chill factors of -5°F to -20°F, and a Wind Chill Warning when the projected wind chill is for -20° or less.

Note: The cold report will be released on Wednesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

^{**}Refers to a death that occurred during this week's reporting period.

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